

Appl. No. 09/914,402
Response dated January 31, 2005

REMARKS

During prosecution of this case, of the 21 claims submitted, Claims 1-8 were allowed with minor objections. Applicant has corrected the claims and has requested that the non-allowed claims be cancelled with prejudice, since applicant may wish to file a continuation application of the disallowed claims.

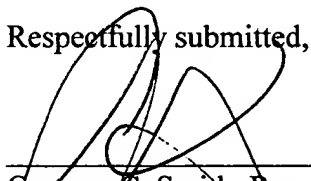
Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



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